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1. NLM ISSUE HAS FORMALLY SURFACED IN FORM OF WORKING
PAPER (A/CONF.67/L.1) FOR PLENARY CONSIDERATION. TEXT OF
THIS WORKING PAPER MINUS ANNEX FOLLOWS: QUOTE:

THE UNDERSIGNED DELEGATES WISH TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE
CONFERENCE TO A RECENT AND IMPORTANT PRACTICE IN PRESENT
DAY INTERNATIONAL REALTIONS, AND IN PARTICULAR, WITH REGARD
TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES, RELEVANT
TO THE WORK OF THIS CONFERENCE.

IN ITS RESOLUTION 3247(XXIX) OF 29 NOVEMBER 1974 (OPERATIVE
PARAGRAPH 2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECIDED
TO INVITE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND/OR THE LEAGUE OF ARAB
STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE
REPRESENTATION OF STATES IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL
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ORGANIZATIONS IN THE CAPACITY OF OBSERVER IN ACCORDANCE

WITH THE PRACTICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

IN SO DECIDING, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONFIRMED THE PRACTICE
EVOLVED RECENTLY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHICH NATIONAL
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE OAU AND/OR THE LEAGUE
OR ARAB STATES WERE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVERS
IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES CONVENED BY DIFERENT AGENCIES OF
THE UNITED NATIONS.

SINCE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY "... CONFIRMED THE LEGALITY OF
THE PEOPLES' STRUGGLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND LIBERATION
FROM COLONIAL AND FOREIGN DOMINATION AND ALIEN SUBJUGATION,
NOTABLY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND IN PARTICULAR THAT OF THE PEOPLE
OF ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE ..., AS WELL AS
THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE" (RESOLUTION 2787(XXVI) OF 6 DECEMBER 1971;)
NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLES MENTIONED WERE
INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVERS IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, SUCH AS THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE
ON THE REAFFIRMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL
HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE IN ARMED CONFLICTS, HELD IN GENEVA
IN 1974; WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE, HELD IN BUCHAREST IN
1974; WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, HELD IN ROME IN 1974; THIRD UNITED
NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA, HELD IN CARACAS
IN 1974. MOREOVER, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INVITED THE
PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SESSIONS
AND WORK OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ALSO OF ALL INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCES CONVENED UNDER
THE AUSPICES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND HAS CONSIDERED
THAT THE PLO IS ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SESSIONS AND
WORK OF ALL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES CONVENED UNDER THE
AUSPICES OF OTHER ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS; ALWAYS
ACCORDING THE PLO THE STATUS OF OBSERVER (GENERAL ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 3237(XXIX) OF 22 NOVEMBER 1974).

UNESCO INVITED THE PLO TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS SESSIONS AND
WORK IN THE CAPACITY OF OBSERVER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS PRACTICE.
WHO AND FAO HAVE ALSO INVITED THE PLO TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR
SESSIONS IN THE CAPACITY OF OBSERVER.

IN AS MUCH AS THE CONSOLIDATION OF THIS PRACTICE TOOK PLACE
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AT A DATE FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF THE "DRAFT ARTICLES" BY
THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION IN 1971;

WHILE WELCOMING THE FACT THAT THESE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
HAVE ALREADY PARTICIPATED IN THE CAPACIY OF OBSERVER IN VARIOUS
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES;

IT IS THE CONSIDERED OPINION OF THE DELEGATIONS SUBMITTING THIS

PAPER THAT:

IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE "DRAFT ARTICLES" RELATING TO OBSERVER
MISSION AND OBSERVER DELEGATIONS,

PROVISIONS SHOULD BE INCLUDED TO MAKE THE "DRAFT ARTICLES",
AND IN PARTICULAR ARTICLES RELATING TO PRIVILEGES AND
IMMUNITIES, APPLICABLE, MUTATIS MUTANDIS, TO OBSERVER MISSIONS AND
OBSERVER DELEGATIONS SENT BY NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
RECOGNIZED BY THE OAU AND/OR THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES,
TO WHICH THE STATUS OF OBSERVER HAS BEEN ACCORDED BY THE
ORGANIZATION CONCERNED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS RESPECTIVE
PRACTICE. UNQUOTE.

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